

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF LIVONIA
December 5, 2019

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Livonia, County of Livingston and the State of New York was held at the Livonia Town Hall, 35 Commercial Street, Livonia on December 5, 2019.

PRESENT: Eric Gott, Supervisor
Andy English, Councilmember
Matt Gascon, Councilmember
Frank Seelos, Councilmember
Peter Dougherty, Councilmember
Colleen West Hay, Clerk

ABSENT: Jim Campbell, Attorney, Town of Livonia

OTHERS PRESENT: Several residents.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gott at 7:00 PM. Ben Woodruff led the pledge.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Livonia Ambulance

Supervisor Gott announced that the Livonia Ambulance Commissioners are here at this meeting. He reported that Livonia Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director Ed Sparks passed away recently, and this has left a large void. Supervisor Gott remarked that Mr. Sparks was a selfless servant of not only Livonia Ambulance but the community as a whole. The Ambulance Commissioners are here to discuss the transition.

Supervisor Gott introduced Ben Woodruff and Erin Ebersold, who are running for Ambulance Commissioners. Mr. Woodruff is running to fill the vacancy left by Joe Breu's resignation, and Mrs. Ebersold is running for re-election.

Mrs. Ebersold explained that Mr. Sparks was the Director and had administrative duties as well. She reported that Deputy Director Larry Ebersold has stepped into the role of Director. Mrs. Ebersold will tend to the administrative piece (billing, banking etc.) until a long-term plan can be put in place. She added that they recently had an audit, and they have checks and balances in place.

Supervisor Gott shared that he is thankful for the Ambulance service in this community.

RESOLUTION 163-2019

APPROVE MILLENNIUM CONSTRUCTION FOR HEMLOCK SIDEWALKS

On motion of Councilmember Dougherty seconded by Councilmember Gascon the

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following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 4 (Gott, Gascon, Seelos, Dougherty)
 Nays – 1 (English)

Resolved to approve moving forward with contractor Millennium Construction in the amount of \$225,000 for the Hemlock Sidewalk Project.

Supervisor Gott added that the first step will be securing the necessary easements.

Town Hall Parking

An employee of the Town shared that after the first of the year, court will be held at 1 PM on Tuesdays instead of in the evening. She is worried that this will cause a problem with parking at the Town Hall for seniors coming to file their exemptions and residents wanting to pay their Town and County taxes. She added that the foyer area will likely be very congested also. She asked if the Town Board had any suggestions for parking. Supervisor Gott remarked that if it is a security problem, we can handle that, but there really is nowhere else where people can park. Councilmember English suggested adding temporary signs for additional handicap parking on court afternoons. After some discussion, Supervisor Gott stated that he would follow up with the court clerk regarding the security issue and look into whether we can add temporary handicap parking.

Vitale Park

Councilmember English shared that Park Manager Mo Watson is happy with the snowplow. He added that we will probably keep the final payment on the shed and stain it ourselves.

RESOLUTION 164-2019

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Councilmember English seconded by Councilmember Seelos the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, English, Gascon, Seelos, Dougherty)
 Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the meeting minutes from 11/21/2019.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2019

Paid to Supervisor for the General Fund	\$2,944.53
Paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	\$245.00
NYS Comptroller’s Office (Bingo and Games of Chance Licenses)	\$33.75
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets for the Spay/Neuter Program	\$90.00

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Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation for Hunting/Fishing Licenses	\$2,046.04
State Health Department (marriage licenses)	\$0
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,359.32

Town Clerk Updates

- Dog license law – Clerk Hay reported that she and Deputy Clerk Liesegang would like to allow up to three-year licenses and remove the provision for dog control to license dogs. In addition, she is following with Attorney Campbell to see if we can do the senior citizen discount by resolution, as fees are set by the Town Board and are not part of the local law.
- Fundraiser Request – Betty Vogt’s grandson is traveling to the UK to represent the US for an international lacrosse tournament. The cost of the trip is \$4,500, and she wondered if she could leave candy bars at the town hall for a fundraiser. The Board discussed that and felt that it was not appropriate for a municipality to participate in that way.
- Organizational Meeting – Clerk Hay asked the Town Board when to set the Organizational Meeting for 2020. Supervisor Gott stated that it will be the first Thursday of January at 7 PM at the Town Hall. Clerk Hay agreed to post the meeting notice and notify the media.

RESOLUTION 165-2019

A RESOLUTION HONORING FRANK SEELOS FOR SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF LIVONIA

On motion of Councilmember English seconded by Councilmember Gascon the following resolution was

ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE
 Supervisor Gott Aye
 Councilmember English Aye
 Councilmember Gascon Aye
 Councilmember Dougherty Aye

WHEREAS, Frank Seelos has served the Town of Livonia as a Town Council Member from January 5, 2006 to December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Frank has contributed to the character of the Town of Livonia in countless ways, including as a Fire Chief for the Livonia Fire Department from 1998-2001 and a member of the Livonia Republican Committee for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Frank served as Deputy Supervisor from 2014 to present and as an alternate on the Traffic Safety Board; and

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WHEREAS, Frank has acted as a liaison to the Conesus Lake Association, Emergency Services, and the Joint Water Works; and

WHEREAS, Frank frequently stopped by the Town Hall to check in with employees and learn about their concerns; and

WHEREAS, Frank decorated the evergreen tree outside the Town Hall with lights every Christmas season;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Livonia Town Board hereby honors and thanks **FRANK SEELOS** for his service to the people of the Town of Livonia and his willingness to serve the community as an elected leader.

Supervisor Gott read the above resolution and presented a copy to Councilmember Seelos. Councilmember Seelos remarked that he was very humbled back in 2006 when Supervisor Gott and Councilmembers Gascon, English and Grouse chose him to fill the vacancy that was created when Eric was elected supervisor. He added that he has gone through four elections with good results, and he is happy with the 14 years he spent on the Town Board. He shared that he learned a lot, and he feels that we have the best department heads in the county.

RESOLUTION 166-2019

APPROVE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

On motion of Councilmember Seelos seconded by Councilmember Gascon the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, English, Gascon, Seelos, Dougherty)
 Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the November 2019 Town Clerk Report.

RESOLUTION 167-2019

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On motion of Councilmember English seconded by Councilmember Dougherty the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes - 5 (Gott, English, Gascon, Seelos, Dougherty)
 Nays – 0

Resolved to pay claims 971-1012 in the amount of \$31,564.92 from the Abstract dated December 5, 2019.

Supervisor Gott reminded everyone to save the date for the following:

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- Friday, December 6 at 6:30 PM – Tree lighting ceremony at the corner of Main and Commercial Streets. The museum will also be open for hot beverages and snacks.
- Wednesday, December 11 at 7 PM – Special Meeting at the Village Hall to appoint a fire commissioner and award the bids for the surplus sheds.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Seelos seconded by Councilmember English the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen West Hay, RMC, CMC
Town Clerk